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CITY RECREATION TO SPONSOR OPEN HOUSES

Open Houses will be sponsored by 11 year-round, full-time City of Rochester recreation/community centers, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sat., June 10. Each open house will feature tours of facilities and opportunities to meet staff, as well as learn about programs. Visitors may register for center programs, view informational displays, enjoy refreshments and win prizes. In addition, the Webster Community Center, 530 Webster Avenue., will feature a parade starting at 11 a.m. and a free mini-carnival from 1 p.m.–3 p.m.

The City's youth recreation programs are for ages 6-18. All parents are welcome and invited to attend and should accompany younger children who are registering. Call **428-6755** for further information.

The following sites will participate:

Adams Street Community Center, 85 Adams St., 428-7266
Avenue D Community Center, 200 Ave. D, 428-7934
Campbell Street Community Center, 524 Campbell St., 428-7860
Carter Street Community Center, 500 Carter St., 428-7890
Edgerton Community Center, 41 Backus St., 428-6769
Flint Street Community Center, 271 Flint St., 428-7001
Genesee Valley Complex, 131 Elmwood Ave., 428-7888
Humboldt Recreation Center, 1065 Atlantic Ave., 428-7294
North Street Community Center, 700 North St., 428-7149
South Avenue Community Center, 990 South Ave., 428-6015
Webster Avenue Community Center, 530 Webster Avenue, 428-7828

Edgerton Community Center staff will also provide information on programs for the Charlotte Complex, which includes recreation programs at School # 41, 279 W. Ridge Rd.; School #42, 3330 Lake Ave. and LaGrange Recreation Center, 455 LaGrange Ave. Genesee Valley Park Complex, 131 Elmwood Ave., will feature registration and information for swimming lessons and all aquatics programs. For more information about recreation locations not listed, call 428-6755 weekdays 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

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GENESEE VALLEY SPORTS FLOOR TO OPEN

The Genesee Valley Sports Complex, 131 Elmwood Avenue, will debut its new sports floor on Sat., June 10 with a **FREE** Open House. From 1-2 p.m. the floor will be available for **Open In Line Skating** or **Roller Skating**; from 2-3 p.m., the Complex will feature Roller Hockey and from 3-4 p.m., Floor Hockey. All personal equipment must be provided by the users. Balls will be furnished. Refreshments will be served and information on all leagues and open play will be available. Teams and individuals are needed for leagues and open play in Dodgeball, Soccer, Basketball, Floor Hockey and Roller Hockey. For more information, call 428-7888.

ROCHESTER AFTER SCHOOL ACADEMY
SLATES 3RD ANNUAL FAMILY APPRECIATION EVENT

Some 600 participants of the Rochester After School Academy (RASA), and their families, will celebrate at the **Third Annual Family Appreciation Event**, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., Sat., June 10. The event takes place at the Southwest Area Neighborhood (SWAN) offices located within the Wilson Foundation Academy at James Madison School of Excellence, 275 Samuel McCree Way. The RASA program, located at 16 sites within the city, is coordinated by the City's Bureau of Human Services in collaboration with numerous youth-serving organizations and the Rochester City School District.

This **third annual event** will spotlight 1) youth projects and achievements accomplished throughout the 2005-06 school year; 2) community collaborative efforts; 3) parent involvement and 4) other successes achieved during the past year at the RASA sites. Showcased will be martial arts, photography, artistic performances and other academic achievements.

In attendance will be the City's Chief of Staff, Jean Howard; Commissioner Charles Reaves, City's Dept. of Parks, Recreation and Human Services; Jackie Campbell, director of the city's Bureau of Human Services; Dr. Manuel Rivera, superintendent of Rochester City School District; Marilyn Patterson-Grant, principal; Cameron Johnson, vice principal, Wilson Foundation at James Madison School of Excellence and other officials.

RASA is funded by approximately \$11.76 million in grant monies (RASA I '03-'07 allocation: \$7.79 million plus RASA II '04-'08 allocation: \$3.97 million) by the N.Y.S. Education Dept. from Federal 21st Century Community Learning Center Program funds. The City's successful application was prepared in consultation with the partner agencies, the Rochester School for the Deaf, City School District, and was supported by both City School District Superintendent Manuel Rivera and the Greater Rochester After School Alliance. The 16 after school RASA sites are supported by 12 sponsoring agencies within the City. In addition to locations within 15 city schools, one site is located at the Rochester School for the Deaf.

"A study released in 2004 by the National After school Alliance supported by The J.C. Penney After School Fund, found that 14.3 million latchkey children have no adult supervision in the afternoons," stated National After School Alliance Exec. Dir. Judy Y. Samelson. To address this and other needs, RASA offers an array of FREE academic and related recreational and social after-school activities through collaborative partnerships with community-based organizations, non-profit agencies, schools, students and parents. Specific activities are developed at each site through partnerships between host schools/locations and community-based groups.

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3rd Annual Family Appreciation Event continued:

Sites and their partner agencies to be represented at the Appreciation Event:

Dr. Freddie Thomas Learning Center & Community Place of Greater Rochester; Wilson Foundation @ James Madison School of Excellence & Southwest Area Neighborhood Assoc.; !John Marshall High School & Catholic Family Center-CYO; Thomas Jefferson High School & City Recreation Bureau; Rochester School for the Deaf.

!School #9 and Baden Street Settlement

- School #28 and City Recreation
- School #33 and NEAD
- School #36 and the YMCA
- School #39 and City Recreation
- East High School and Center for Youth Services
- Edison Complex and the Puerto Rican Youth Development
- Franklin Career High Schools and Boys & Girls Club
- Frederick Douglass Preparatory School and the Society for the Protection & Care of Children
- James Monroe High School and the City Recreation
- Wilson Commencement High School and the Center for Dispute Settlement

AUDITIONS ANNOUNCED FOR “MAIN GAME” FREESTYLE BATTLE

Rochester teens ages 14-18 are invited to audition for the “*Blazin’ Free Style Battle*” and compete for cash and merchandise prizes during the **Seventh Annual Main Game** event to be held on July 22. “City recreation seeks to provide youth with many avenues for expression, ways to tell their story and share their perspectives with authentic voices, such as with free form, improvisational lyrics .

This second annual ‘Blazin’ Freestyle Battle,’ provides such an opportunity,” said Tony Jordan, City recreation area manager. Auditions will be held: 7 - 8:30 p.m., Fri., **June 16**, Gardiner Recreation Center, 75 Grover St.; 7 - 8:30 p.m., Fri., **July 7**, Carter St. Community Center, 500 Carter St.; 7 - 8:30 p.m., Wed., **July 12**, Flint Street Community Center, 271 Flint St.; Mon., **July 17**, In-Control, 470 W. Main St.

Selected finalists will be required to complete a participation form with the signature of a parent or guardian and proof of age. For more information, please call **428-7294**. Interested participants may also e-mail the committee at Blazinmc2006@hotmail.com for guidelines. The use of profanity or sexually-explicit lyrics will disqualify a participant.

Presented along Main St. from State St. to Plymouth Ave., downtown, the Main Game will kick-off this year with a parade originating from the Liberty Pole at 12 noon. The event, which attracted over 5,000 youth and their families last year, offers an open-air showcase each July highlighting the hundreds of activities offered at the city’s 30 recreation/community centers. The event transforms Main St. into a giant recreation extravaganza serving as a one-stop, outdoor “preview” and sampler of options that make up the City’s award-winning recreation program. Visitors to Main Game may explore gardening, dance, step, martial arts, tennis, basketball, boxing, arts, crafts and more – all of which flourish daily at City recreation and community centers.

**CITY AND MAPLEWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR ROSE WEEKEND**

Although the organizers of the Maplewood Rose Festival are giving the event a one year rest, there will still be activities planned for the peak blooming season at the historic Maplewood Rose Garden, corner of Lake Ave. and Driving Park Bridge, Rochester, NY.

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MAPLEWOOD ROSE WEEKEND CONTINUED:

From 11 a.m.—4 p.m., Sat. and Sun., June 17 and 18, volunteer docents from the neighborhood will lead historic gorge tours. During the weekend, City horticulturists, as well as members of the Greater Rochester Rose Society, will also be available to answer questions pertaining to rose culture and care. Tours of historic Maplewood homes and a fund-raising ***Evening of Wine and Roses***, hosted by the Maplewood Neighborhood Assoc., will add to the weekend's activities. The Association's annual showcase of Maplewood homes will be held 11 a.m.—4 p.m., Sat., June 17. Maplewood is unique among city neighborhoods in that it combines the architectural grandeur of intact urban landscapes designed by the firm of landscape architect, Frederick Law Olmsted, known as America's greatest landscape architect, and the natural beauty of the Genesee River Gorge. Maplewood's boulevards were laid out to lead into Olmsted-designed parks. Wealthy Rochester business owners added mansions and grand houses to those already towering over Lake Avenue. With the growth of Eastman Kodak, the area became the home of many of the company's officers and management staff. Six such houses are opening their doors to the public for the annual Historic Maplewood Home & Garden Tour. Each is distinctive, yet all share common Maplewood features such as chestnut, oak or mahogany trim, hardwood floors, bay windows, stained or leaded glass pocket and French doors, fireplaces with elaborate mantles, several porches, back staircases, maid's quarters and butler's pantries.

Home Tour tickets are available the day of the tour at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, for \$12 per person. Advance tickets are \$10 (\$7.50 for senior citizens and Maplewood Neighborhood Assn. members), available at Parkleigh, 215 Park Ave., and Maplewood True Value Hardware, 1011 Dewey Ave. Immediately following the Home Tour, ***An Evening of Wine and Roses*** takes place under a tent amid the 5,000 roses in the Maplewood Rose Garden. Participants may stroll through the garden while sampling wines from award-winning vintners. Proceeds from this event will benefit the programs supported by the

Maplewood Neighborhood Assoc. The well-known vintners featured are Dr. Constantin Frank, Casa Larga, McGregor Vineyards and Constellation. Hors d'oeuvres and entertainment, as well as a Silent Auction will round out the venue. This event is sponsored by the Maplewood Neighborhood Assoc., the Maplewood Business Assoc., City of Rochester, Wegmans, Dr. Constantin Frank, Constellation Brands, McGregor Vineyards, Casa Larga, Bob & Mary Stevenson and KalTech Support Team, Inc. Tickets are \$20 for senior citizens and Maplewood Neighborhood Association members; \$25 for general public. Tickets are available at the door, or by calling (585) 458-3460. Parking for this event will be onsite and throughout the surrounding neighborhood. Rain or Shine – Tented Event.

**ROCHESTER HARBOR & CAROUSEL FESTIVAL 2006 READIES FOR RETURN
TO ONTARIO BEACH PARK, FRI., SAT. & SUN., JUNE 23-25, 2006**

Rochester Harbor and Carousel Festival, the premier family beach party in Upstate New York, promises to please with three days of sun, surf, song and summer fun, Fri., Sat. & Sun., June 23–25, Ontario Beach Park.

One of the favorite family events offered within the Rochester area, the Harbor and Carousel Festival will this year again bring: continuous concerts on two stages, a visit by the 103-year-old Edward M. Cotter fireboat, a spectacular Friday night Boat Parade of Lights, an exquisite Saturday night "RG&E Energy in the Sky" fireworks display (10 p.m.—10:30 p.m.) over Lake Ontario, and all the other traditional fare enjoyed by Rochesterians and others throughout the upstate region. The sparkling rejuvenation of the entire Genesee River harbor area at Lake and Beach Avenues in Charlotte will again greet visitors, along with an arts and crafts show, carousel rides, Wegmans Children's Area, a classic car show and other attractions.

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2006 ROCHESTER HARBOR AND CAROUSEL FESTIVAL CONTINUED:

The festival promises cool lakeshore breezes and even cooler musical entertainment and free tours through the historic Genesee Lighthouse. The spectacular **"Boat Parade of Lights,"** at 8:45 p.m.–10 p.m., Fri., features dozens of brightly lit and decorated vessels passing in review as they head out on the Genesee River into Lake Ontario. Hundreds of dollars in prizes await the boat captains and crews who best decorate their crafts and costume themselves to represent the theme, **"Pirates of the Caribbean."**

RTS SHUTTLE BUSES

RTS Shuttle buses will be provided to and from the festival site on each of the three days. **A minimal fee of \$1 round-trip per person will be charged.** The air-conditioned and fully-accessible RTS shuttle buses will depart approximately every 15 minutes from two lots. Handicapped parking is also available onsite. Festival-goers will be transported from **these TWO** shuttle lots:

#1) Greece Arcadia High School, 120 Island Cottage Rd., exit Interstate 390 at Latta Rd. #2) 4800 Dewey Ave., at Ling Rd., easily accessible via Dewey Ave. exits off the Lake Ontario Parkway.

SHUTTLE BUS HOURS:

Fri., June 23	12 noon–11 p.m.
Sat., June 24	11 a.m.–Midnight
Sun., June 25	11 a.m.–7 p.m.

The festival is brought to Ontario Beach Park through the combined efforts of the Ontario Beach Park Program Committee (OBPPC), a volunteer citizens' group chaired by Joe Carrozzi; Wegmans, which serves as the major overall corporate sponsor to the Rochester Harbor & Carousel Festival, the City of Rochester, Monroe County, RG&E and WARM101.3. Call 865-3320 or 428-6770 for further information (428-6767 taped information), or go to www.cityofrochester.gov.

ROCHESTER HARBOR AND CAROUSEL FESTIVAL 2006 **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Friday through Sunday, June 23, 24, 25, 2006

Ontario Beach Waterfront

Lake and Beach Avenues, Ontario Beach Park

Sponsored by the Ontario Beach Park Program Committee, City of Rochester, Monroe County, Wegmans, RG&E, WARM101.3 and others.

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JUNE 22 (Tentative)

Arrival of 103-year old Buffalo fireboat- Edward M. Cotter 5 pm

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

Fireboat and Vessel Tours	12 noon –5 p.m.
Arts and Crafts Show and Sale	12 Noon.–6 p.m.
Carousel Rides	1 p.m.–9:45 p.m.

FOOD COURT AND JAZZ STAGE

1 pm–3 pm	Faith and Frank
4 pm- 6 pm	Darryl Parker Jazz Quartet
6:30 pm–8 pm	Jon Seiger and the All Stars
8:30 pm-10 pm	Profiles

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HARBOR AND CAROUSEL FESTIVAL CONTINUED:

MAIN STAGE

12:00 pm–1:30pm	Sentimentally Yours
2:30 pm–3:30pm	Nostalgic Reunion
3:45 pm–4:30pm	Hot Flash Dancers
5:00 pm– 7:00pm	Music Makers
8:00 pm–10:00pm	East Rochester Allstars

BOAT PARADE OF LIGHTS COMPETITION 8:45 p.m.–10 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

Fireboat and Vessel Tours	11 a.m.–5 p.m.
Classic Car Show	11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Arts and Crafts Show and Sale	12 noon–6 p.m.
Wegmans Children's Area	12 Noon–5 p.m.
Carousel Rides	12 noon–9:45 p.m.

FOOD COURT AND JAZZ STAGE

1 pm 3 pm	Darryl Parker Jazz Quartet
3:30 pm- 5:30 p.m.	Ann Mitchell Jazz
6 pm- 8 p.m.	Jon Seiger and the All Stars
9 pm-11:30 p.m.	Profiles

MAIN PARK STAGE

12 noon-3 pm	Colgate Country Showdown
4 pm-5:30 pm	Unlimited
6:30 pm-8 pm	The Surge
9 pm-10 pm	Joey T and the Formula
10:30-11:30 pm	Joey T and the Formula

“RG&E Energy in the Sky” FIREWORKS 10 P.M.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

Fireboat and Vessel Tours	10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Arts and Crafts Show	12 noon–5 p.m.
Wegmans Children's Area	12 noon–4 p.m.
Carousel Rides	1 p.m.–9:45 p.m.

FOOD COURT AND JAZZ STAGE

12:30 p.m.–2 p.m.	Ann Mitchell Jazz
2:30 p.m.–4 p.m.	One Road
4:30 p.m.–6 p.m.	Profiles

MAIN STAGE

1 p.m.–2:30 p.m.	Urban Steel
3 p.m.–5 p.m.	The Legendary Dukes
5:15 p.m.–6 p.m.	Hot Flash Dancers

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HARBOR AND CAROUSEL FESTIVAL CONTINUED:

TRAFFIC ADVISORIES

In effect throughout the three-day festival—Fri., June 23 to Sun., June 25

Public parking at Ontario Beach Park and the Port of Rochester is extremely limited: When lots are full, access roads from Lake Ave. into the parking lots will be closed and all traffic will be diverted to the shuttle lots at 4800 Dewey Avenue and Greece Arcadia High School, 120 Island Cottage Road.

Avoid delays, motorists are advised to take the RTS shuttles from 4800 Dewey Avenue or 120 Island Cottage Road. The Dewey Ave. lots may be reached by taking the Dewey Ave. exits from the Lake Ontario State Parkway and following posted signs. Greece Arcadia High School may be reached by exiting Interstate 390 at Latta Rd. Shuttles will run every 15 minutes throughout the festival. **A round-trip fare of \$1.00 will be charged.**

The Rochester Fire Department and Rural Metro Ambulance will maintain emergency equipment at the festival command area at Lake and Beach Aves. for emergency response and the Greece Fire Department will be available to respond, if necessary, through 911 mutual assistance.

Traffic Advisories Specific to Sat., June 24 ONLY DUE TO FIREWORKS

At 6:00 p.m., Sat., June 24, due to fireworks access into the Charlotte area will be limited only to residents and those working in the area as outlined below. Since traffic will be extremely heavy, the public is strongly encouraged to arrive at their destination as far in advance of the street closings as possible to avoid heavy traffic and delays. Normal traffic patterns will resume as soon as possible after the conclusion of the fireworks.

Lake Avenue will be closed to all northbound traffic at the Lake Ontario Parkway. All vehicles will be detoured east across the O'Rourke Bridge or west onto the Lake Ontario Parkway. Festival-goers may access shuttle bus lots at 4800 Dewey Avenue via the Parkway, exiting at Dewey Avenue or 120 Island Cottage Road via the Latta Rd exit from 390.

Eastbound traffic on the Lake Ontario State Pkwy. will be closed at Dewey Avenue and detoured north to the shuttle bus lots or south to Latta Road where they may proceed eastbound as indicated below.

Latta Rd. will be closed to eastbound traffic at Stutson Street and all traffic will be detoured via Stutson Street to southbound on Lake Ave.

Beach Ave. will be closed to eastbound traffic at Greenleaf Road. Eastbound traffic will be diverted onto Greenleaf Road to the Parkway westbound or Latta Road.

Charlotte Pier: The Charlotte Pier will be closed to all pedestrian traffic on Sat., June 24 at approximately 3 p.m. to allow for set up of fireworks. The Pier will re-open Sunday morning.

HARBOR AND CAROUSEL FESTIVAL CONTINUED:

Special Notice to Mariners

On Fri. evening, June 23, boaters should expect heavy river traffic between 8:45 p.m. and 10 p.m. during the "Boat Parade of Lights" which will take place from the swing bridge to the mouth of the river.

On Sat. evening, June 24, the Genesee River will be closed to all inbound and outbound boating traffic between the river entrance and the swing bridge between approximately 9:15 p.m. and 10:25 p.m. to allow for the fireworks display over the lake. Extreme caution should be exercised due to the large volume of boat traffic before and after the event.

BOATERS INVITED TO JOIN HARBOR FESTIVAL PARADE OF LIGHTS
DOCKING RESERVATIONS AVAILABLE BY CALLING 227-1579

All boaters are being encouraged to participate in the ***Boat Parade of Lights***, a popular spectator-friendly event to be held **8:45 p.m.-10 p.m., Fri., June 23** during the *2006 Rochester Harbor and Carousel Festival* at the **Port of Rochester**. The event is open to all boaters free of charge with no formal registration required.

Best views for the public of the **8:45-10 p.m. boat parade** are from the Charlotte pier on the east bank off Lake Ave. where the river enters Lake Ontario in Ontario Beach Park. Boaters will have an opportunity to win cash prizes by decorating their boats with colorful lights, flags, streamers and costumed characters, depicting the theme "Pirates of the Caribbean." **No official registration or entry fee is required.**

PRIZES

Cash prizes of \$200 will be awarded for *Best of Theme* (theme: "Pirates of the Caribbean") and \$100 for Best Costumes \$150 for *Best Array of Lights*. All Honorable Mentions will receive WEGMANS gift certificates

BONUS JUDGING POINTS

Vessels displaying 2006 courtesy safety inspection stickers receive bonus points in the judging, which will be based on a 0-50 point scale. Inspection stickers may be obtained prior to the event by contacting the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Rochester Power Squadron (haas@frontiernet.net) or Monroe County Sheriff's Marine Unit. Inspections will also be conducted at the Coast Guard Auxiliary dock south of Pelican Nest Marina/Restaurant on Sat., June 23 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. An Open House will also be held at the Auxiliary for boaters, 520 River St. Participating vessels should monitor VHF Marine Channel 6 during the event for instructions.

All vessels must traverse and exit the Genesee River and muster in the area east of the Coast Guard pier no later than 8:45 p.m. At approximately 9 p.m., the fireboat E.M. Cotter will lead the parade of boats southbound into the river to an area opposite the Coast Guard Station, with boats circling counterclockwise around the Cotter, which will be anchored in the middle of the river. They will then proceed northbound to the end of the piers and then return southbound passing the Cotter for review and judging.

Overnight and weekend docking is available for boaters at the new River Front Marina. Call 227-1579 for information and reservations. The event is sponsored by the Rochester Power Squadron, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Coast Guard Station Rochester, Monroe County Sheriff's Marine Patrol and the Ontario Beach Park Program Committee. Call **428-6770** for details.

YOUTH-PRODUCED TV SPOT ABOUT DRUG & ALCOHOL ABUSE TO PREMIER

A youth-produced public service announcement which tackles the topic of drug and alcohol abuse from a young person's perspective will premier at Charles Settlement House, 3:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m., Wed., June 7, at the Charles Settlement House, 431 Jay Street. The videotaped announcement was created, written and filmed by teens at Charles Settlement House, whose efforts were sponsored by the "HEART (Health, Excellence, Achievement, Responsibility, Truth) Drug Free Coalition, a collaborative effort started by the City of Rochester Bureau of Recreation and Metro Council for Teen Potential in September of 2005.

Efforts by the Coalition are aimed at creating innovative approaches to substance abuse prevention for Rochester youth. The Coalition, which is sponsored by a five-year federal grant, has focused its energies on creating a youth-led social marketing campaign. Coalition members have also worked with youth groups at the City's Field Street Recreation Center and Edgerton Community Center, as well as Jefferson High School, to create three other public service announcements to date.

The teens at Charles Settlement House completed an eight-week class to create, write, story board, and film their very own public service announcement. About ten youth, ages 13 to 18, worked with local artist Shawn Dunwoody, Rochester General Hospital health educator Todd Miller, Rochester Community Television production assistant Joshua Bloodworth, and Dazzle Theater owner Anne Harvey. The public service announcement was filmed across the street from the settlement house and shows the downward spiral of the life of teenage girl who abuses drugs and alcohol. The PSA will be aired on Rochester Community Television Channel 15 and Rochester WB-16 starting this summer. The public service announcement program is sponsored and taught by HEART members.

Currently, the Coalition is made up of youth and adult representatives from Action for a Better Community Action Front Center, City of Rochester Bureau of Parks, Recreation, and Human Services, the Rochester City School District, Rochester Community Television Channel 15, In-Control, Baden Street Settlement, Rochester General Hospital, Rochester Police Department, Dazzle Theater, the Rochester-Monroe County Youth Voice, One Vision Youth Council, ROC Music Group, Rochester AmeriCorps, Rochester WB-16, and the University of Rochester. For more information on the viewing or the HEART Coalition, please contact 428-7371.

FLOWER CITY LOOKING GOOD PROGRAM FOR GARDENERS AND ENVIRONMENTALISTS CONTINUES WITH "TUESDAY NATURE NIGHTS"

For the 16th consecutive year, the City of Rochester offers its **award-winning "Flower City Looking Good Program."** The initiative celebrates the rich horticultural heritage of the Rochester area. It also encourages residents to enjoy the healthy benefits of the outdoors, while beautifying neighborhoods, through over 45 gardening and environmental activities.

Preferred Care, Wegmans and the **Democrat and Chronicle** serve as the corporate sponsors along with other community partners and thousands of volunteers who make this program so expansive. The program also celebrates the natural and historic beauty of the Rochester area, while engaging residents in caring for their own community with opportunities to learn about nature, meet fellow gardeners, beautify Rochester and create new friendships. Information regarding the entire program, as well as an application form to enter the City's garden contest, may be found at www.democratandchronicle.com/ads/flowercity or call **585-428-6770** to request a detailed brochure. News releases are found on www.cityofrochester.gov.

CITY-SPONSORED TUESDAY NATURE NIGHTS CONTINUE

Join us from 6:15 p.m.-8 p.m. each Tuesday, through Sept. 5, on bike, on foot or in a canoe as we explore nature in our neighborhoods. Most activities FREE, except as noted, and suitable for all ages. No pre-registration necessary. Walks and rides are leisurely with slight grade changes, mostly on paths or sidewalks. Helmets required for bike rides. 428-6770. **Due to very changeable summer weather, any cancellations due to weather will be made on site at start time.**

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TUESDAY NATURE NIGHTS—"GUIDED BIKE RIDES"

Six leisurely bike rides (level terrain, under 10 miles) will focus on Rochester's outstanding trail system and the Genesee River and Erie Canal. Rides will leave from various departure points from a different neighborhood each week. Approximately one hour, beginning at 6:15 p.m. Helmets required. No registration. 428-6770.

June 6—Guided Bike Ride, Southwest Neighborhood

Meet at the Genesee Valley Park pool parking lot. Bike along the Erie Canal Trail.

June 13—Guided Bike Ride, High Falls Neighborhood

Meet at the Pont de Rennes, behind the Centers at High Falls, ride will go along Genesee Riverway Trail and by road into the community.

June 27—Guided Bike Ride, Maplewood Neighborhood

Meet at the Rose Garden parking lot, Lake Ave. & Driving Park. Ride will go along Genesee Riverway Trail.

July 11—Guided Bike Ride, Seneca Park Neighborhood

Meet at Seneca Park first parking lot by the pedestrian bridge. Ride will go along Genesee Riverway Trail and into Seneca Park.

July 25—Guided Bike Ride, Charlotte Neighborhood

Meet at the Turning Point Park parking lot, dead-end of Boxart St. at the river. Ride will go along the Genesee Riverway Trail and into Turning Point Park.

Aug. 8— Guided Bike Ride, Kodak Park Neighborhood

Meet at Seneca Park first parking lot by the pedestrian bridge. Ride will go along Genesee Riverway Trail and into Seneca Park.

Aug. 22—Guided Bike Ride, Maplewood Neighborhood

Meet at Rose Garden parking lot, Lake Ave. & Driving Park. Ride will go along Genesee Riverway Trail.

Sept. 5— Guided Bike Ride, Waterways Ride.

Meet at the Genesee Valley Park pool parking lot, bike on the Erie Canal Trail.

ADDITIONAL BIKE RIDES:

Rochester Bicycling Club Bike Rides

Weekly from May to October, these rides, led by members of the Rochester Bicycling Club, are longer (9 to 23 miles), utilize streets and are designed for riders who want to develop their riding skills. Helmets required and riders under 18 must be accompanied by an adult on the ride. Call 1-888-857-8198 or visit the web site: www.rochesterbicyclingclub.org.

BIKE RIDES AT HIGH FALLS 10 a.m.-Noon, Sat., July 9, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, and Sun., Oct 9.

Meet at the Pont de Rennes, behind the Centers at High Falls. Rides will go along Genesee Riverway Trail and on-road into the community. 10 miles or less, leisurely.

TUESDAY NATURE NIGHTS—"TREES IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS" WALKS

Join us for a leisurely stroll through some of the City's most fascinating neighborhoods.

June 20—"Trees in Our Neighborhoods" Walk, Ellwanger-Barry Neighborhood. Park in Mt. Hope Cemetery, north entrance off Mt. Hope Ave. and meet at the Gazebo.

July 18—"Trees in Our Neighborhoods" Walk, University of Rochester Arboretum. Park on Wilson Blvd. Meet on the steps of the Rush Rhees Library.

Aug. 1—"Trees in Our Neighborhoods" Walk, East Ave. Neighborhood. Meet at the corner of East Ave. and Meigs St.

Aug. 29—"Trees in Our Neighborhoods" Walk, Seth Green Drive & Switchback Trail. Features river views of Seth Green Island, the Veteran's Bridge and two waterfalls. Meet at the parking lot of Seth Green Drive, just west of the corner of Norton St. and St. Paul Blvd.

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TUESDAY NATURE NIGHTS—GUIDED OUTRIGGER CANOE PADDLE

Genesee Valley Park, Genesee Waterways Center, 200 Elmwood Ave., is dedicated to bringing people to the water! Canoe, kayak and outrigger canoe rentals are available for individual use; and organized tours and water safety classes are offered for those with less experience. 328-3960 or visit www.geneseewaterways.org Enjoy these Hawaiian-style outrigger canoes that offer safe and stable paddling for less experienced paddlers. **Events are held 6:15 p.m. -7:45 p.m.**

July 25-Guided Outrigger Canoe Paddle, Genesee Valley Park, Waterways Center, 149 Elmwood Dr. "Skyline Tour," from Genesee Valley Park to the South Wedge Neighborhood features a breathtaking view of the city. \$15.00 per person. Pre-register from 6/1/06 to 7/15/06

Aug. 15-Guided Outrigger Canoe Paddle, Genesee Valley Park, Waterways Center, 149 Elmwood Dr. "Skyline Tour," from Genesee Valley Park to the South Wedge Neighborhood features a breathtaking view of the city. \$15.00 per person. Pre-register: 6/1/06-7/15/06

Additional Upcoming Flower City Looking Good Program events include:

ROSE WORKSHOPS 10 a.m.–12 noon, Sat., July 28, and Oct. 7. The City's rosarian and members of the Greater Rochester Rose Society will give expert advice on roses and answer questions. Meet by the fountain at the Maplewood Rose Garden, corner of Lake Ave. and Driving Park. Free admission, no prior registration, held rain or shine. **July 28:** "Insects and Fungal Diseases in the Rose Garden" **Oct. 7:** "Winterizing Your Roses" **428-6770**

NATIONAL "MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY" VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Rochester Blossoms! Bulb Planting 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sat., Oct. 14

Thousands of tulip and daffodil bulbs are planted throughout the city during this volunteer event held in conjunction with National Make a Difference Day. Register by Oct. 11. Call 428-6770 or fax 428-6021.

FLOWER CITY GARDEN CONTEST 2006

Over the past 16 years, the contest has recognized the efforts of over 300 dedicated city gardeners. Any gardener may enter his/her garden or nominate a garden worthy of recognition. Prizes categories are: Single Family Residential, Multi-Family Residential, Commercial, Neighborhood Enhancement and Not-for-Profit. Entry Forms are located @ www.democratandchronicle.com/ads/flowercity, at Monroe County libraries or by calling 428-6770. Enter by July 31.

COMMUNITY GARDENS—VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

A healthy activity for both mind and body, Community Gardens provide a rewarding way to help the community, and to enjoy new friends and an invigorating activity. Volunteer at one of the city's amazing community gardens. Call 428-6770 for locations. In addition, the ***Flower City Looking Good*** initiative incorporates numerous activities which focus on the beauty of the Genesee River and the Riverway Trail. These include:

INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

9 a.m., Sat., Sept. 16

Join us on foot, by boat, canoe or kayak to clean up our waterways. Pre-registration required for locations such as Genesee Valley Park, Turning Point Park, Seth Green Drive and others. Details will be posted on the Water Education Collaborative website: <http://www.rmssc.org/communitylearning/partners/wec/calendarofevents/index.htm> or by calling 428-6770.

RIVER ROMANCE ACTIVITIES Fri., Sat. & Sun., Oct. 6, 7, & 8

Celebrate the beauty of the Genesee River during peak fall color. Explore the trails by bike and on foot, boat tour rides; nature, history and geological walks, concerts, lakeside family fun. 428-6770. Taped schedule (after Oct. 1): 428-6767.

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2005-2006 Fall, Winter, Spring City of Rochester Recreation/Community Center Locations

After-school and evening programs exist at most of these sites from September - June. In general, dates coincide with the Rochester City School District 2005-2006 school calendar year from September 7-June 22. Some sites offer limited hours or dates. Call the individual center for specific programs, hours and opening dates or the Bureau of Parks and Recreation, 428-6755, for general information. Visit www.cityofrochester.gov for more information.

Adams Street Community Center ♦

85 Adams Street 428-7266

Pool: 428-7456

Avenue D Community Center ♦

200 Avenue D 428-7934

Campbell St. Community Center ♦

524 Campbell Street 428-7860

Carter Street Community Center ♦

500 Carter Street 428-7890

Charlotte High School Pool (Tues. & Thurs.; Jan.-March)

4115 Lake Avenue 428-7829

Clinton-Baden Community Center

458 North Clinton Avenue 325-4910

(Cooperative Program)

East High School (Evenings only)

1801 East Main Street 428-7832

Edgerton Community Center ♦

41 Backus Street 428-6769

Field Street Recreation Center

194 Field Street 428-7362

Flint Street Community Center ♦

271 Flint Street 428-7001

Gardiner Recreation Center

75 Grover Street 428-7827

Genesee Valley Park Complex

131 Elmwood Avenue 428-7889

Humboldt Recreation Center

1045 Atlantic Avenue 428-7294

Jefferson High School Pool (Evenings only; April-June)

Edgerton Park 428-6755

LaGrange Recreation Center (Sept. - Oct. & April - June)

455 LaGrange Avenue 428-7639

Norton Village Recreation Center (Limited hours, call for dates/times)

350 Waring Rd. 428-7830

North Street Community Center ♦

700 North Street 428-7149

Pierpont Recreation Center

219 Pierpont Street 428-6859

River Park Commons Center (afternoons only)

185 Mt. Hope Avenue 428-7321

South Avenue Recreation Center ♦

999 South Avenue 428-6015

Southwest Community Center

275 Bronson Avenue 436-8201

(Cooperative Program)

Webster Ave. Community Center ♦

530 Webster Avenue 428-7828

Wilson Foundation Academy at Madison Campus

200 Genesee Street

(Pool only, Mon., Wed., Fri.; Sept.-June)

#2 School

(Afternoons only; October-June)

190 Reynolds Street 428-7001

#17 School

(Tues. & Thurs. Afternoons only)

158 Orchard St. 428-7248

#33 School

(Afternoons only; October-May)

500 Webster Avenue 428-7828

#42 School

(Afternoons only)

3330 Lake Avenue 428-7829

#43 School

(Afternoons only)

1305 Lyell Avenue 428-7212

#46 School

(Afternoons only)

250 Newcastle Road 428-7971

#52 School

(Fri. only; January-May)

100 Farmington Rd. 428-7294

♦ **Open Saturdays**

**For additional information on
recreation programs, see the City's
WEB site at :
www.cityofrochester.gov**